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1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF ARTICLE III (COMMAND) AND
ARTICLE IV (SECURITY) OF DRAFT AGREEMENT GIVEN SECRETARY
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ARTICLE III - COMMAND

1. THE INSTALLATIONS DESCRIBED IN ANNEX I OF THIS AGREE-
MENT ARE PHILIPPINE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. THE INSTALLA-
TION COMMANDERS SHALL BE PHILIPPINE OFFICERS. THE PHILIP-
PINE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN AT THE INSTALLATIONS.

2. THE UNITED STATES SHALL APPOINT A UNITED STATES FACILI-
TIES COMMANDER AT EACH INSTALLATION WHERE THERE ARE FACILI-

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TIES DESIGNATED FOR ITS USE. THE UNITED STATES FACILITIES

COMMANDER SHALL EXERCISE COMMAND AND CONTROL OVER UNITED STATES PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL, OVER THE FACILITIES, AND OVER MILITARY OPERATIONS INVOLVING UNITED STATES FORCES. THE UNITED STATES FACILITIES COMMANDER WILL COORDINATE WITH THE PHILIPPINE INSTALLATION COMMANDER TO ENSURE

THAT ACTIVITIES AT THE FACILITIES ARE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

3. UNITED STATES MILITARY AUTHORITIES MAY DISPLAY THE UNITED STATES FLAG WITHIN BUILDINGS AND OTHER INDOOR SITES AT THE FACILITIES, OUTSIDE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED STATES FACILITIES COMMANDER, AND UPON COORDINATION WITH THE PHILIPPINE INSTALLATION COMMANDER, FOR APPROPRIATE OUTDOOR CEREMONIES SUCH AS MILITARY HONORS AND PARADES ON THE FACILITIES. SHIPS, AIRCRAFT AND VEHICLES OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES MAY USE FLAGS AND INSIGNIA OF COMMAND AS PRESCRIBED BY REGULATION.

ARTICLE IV - SECURITY

1. WITHIN THE FACILITIES DESIGNATED FOR ITS USE, THE UNITED STATES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL, SUPERVISION AND PROTECTION OF ITS PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL, AND ACCORDINGLY MAY TAKE MEASURES TO FULFILL THESE RESPONSIBILITIES THEREIN. THE UNITED STATES MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE IN MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY AT THE ENTRANCES AND EXITS OF THE INSTALLATIONS AND AT THE JOINT BOMBING RANGE. PROCEDURES FOR JOINT PARTICIPATION IN SECURITY MEASURES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE MUTUAL DEFENSE BOARD.

2. THE RESPONSIBLE PHILIPPINE INSTALLATION COMMANDER WILL TAKE SUCH STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO PROVIDE FREE AND CONTINUOUS ACCESS TO, AND MOVEMENT WITHIN AND BETWEEN, THE INSTALLATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES OR THE CIVILIAN COMPONENT, AND DEPENDENTS.

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